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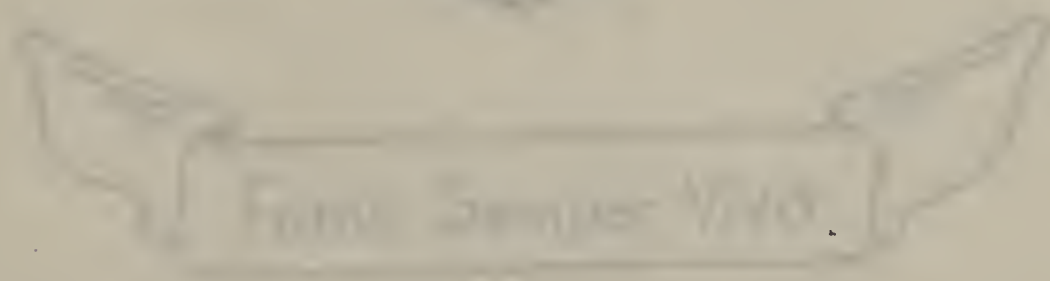
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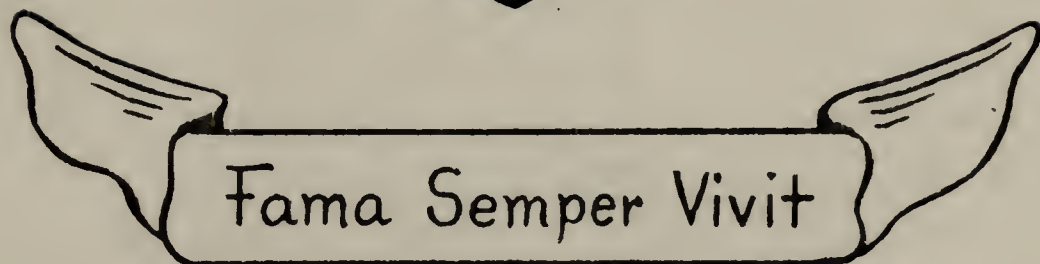
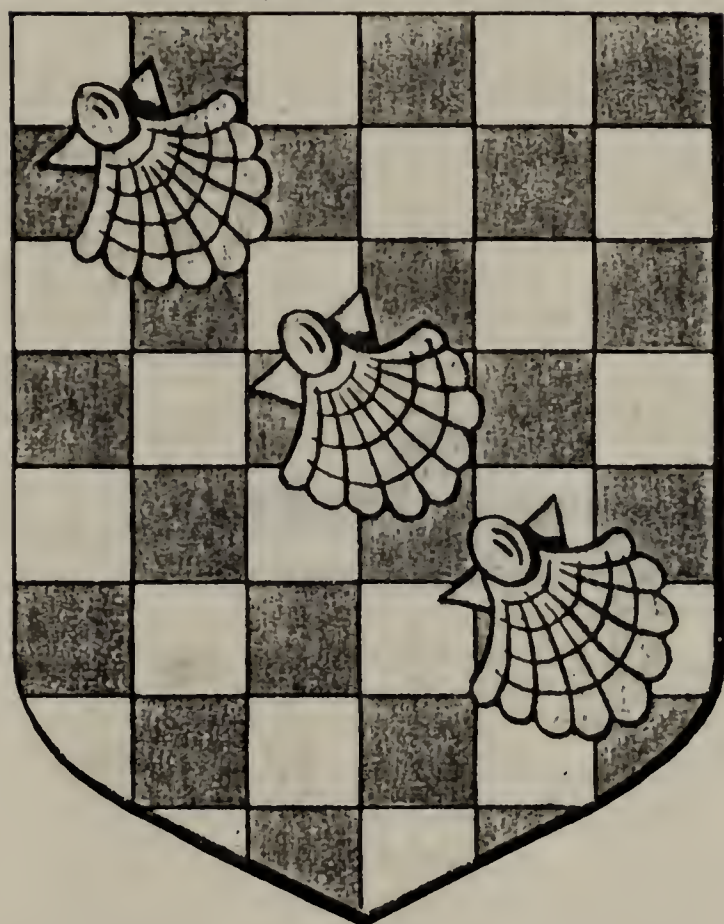


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To
MY FATHER AND MOTHER

P R E F A C E

It is with a feeling of great satisfaction that this genealogical study is at last completed. As a child, I was always keenly interested in my family, and when I would hear facts concerning our ancestors, I would make a note of them. As the years have gone by, and I have accumulated more and more data through careful research on the part of my husband, as well as myself, my one desire has been to publish the material in order to have a permanent record for generations to come. Now this is made possible through the inspiration and encouragement of my husband, and his experience in writing. Without his help, the work would never have been completed.

This pamphlet is of particular interest to the descendants of Amzi Williford Gaston II, since this is the line for which I have been able to gather data complete up to the time this is written. However, I believe the study will be of some interest and value to other Gastons in Spartanburg County, as well as those in other parts of South Carolina and North Carolina, because the early history shows that our ancestor is the same Jean Gaston of France.

It would not have been possible to complete this study without the cordial and unfailing cooperation of all members of the family connection, and I wish here to express my deep appreciation of their invaluable help. The list of those who furnished materials is so long as to make individual mention here impracticable, but there are a few to whom I must give the special recognition which is justly due them. First among these is my cousin, Gordon Gaston, to whom I am indebted for the chart on the royal lineage of Jean Gaston and for access to his notes on some members of the different family lines. Others, almost equally helpful, to whom my best thanks are expressed, include the following: Mrs. N. P. Anderson, Mr. J. S. Gaston, Miss Margie Gaston, Mrs. O. J. Youmans, Mrs. Cecil Gaston, Mr. David Nesbitt, and Mrs. Earl W. Wallace.

REVIEWS

It is with a feeling of great satisfaction that this volume comes to my hands. As a whole it is a very fine piece of work, and I am sure that it will be of great service to the community. The author has done a very good job of presenting the material in a clear and concise manner, and the book is well illustrated. The author has also done a very good job of presenting the material in a clear and concise manner, and the book is well illustrated. The author has also done a very good job of presenting the material in a clear and concise manner, and the book is well illustrated.

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It is likely that in the preparation of a manuscript containing so many detailed facts some mistakes have been made, but the most painstaking care has been taken to have the materials just as accurate as possible. I fully recognize that the study given in the following pages is only a small part of the larger volume which should some day be written on the Gaston Family in America, but I willingly pass this task on to some younger and more energetic member of the connection. It may well be that the larger task can, in the end, be best achieved by first making similar studies of individual branches of the family in different parts of the country, and then these could readily be assembled within the covers of one volume.

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THE ANCESTRY AND DESCENDANTS
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I

THE NAME

Charles Wareing Bardsley in his *Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames* (Oxford University Press, Henry Frowde, London, 1901), page 311, says:

"*Gaston*.—Local 'of Gascony,' an early corrupted form of Gaskin or Gascon."

Bardsley gives record of Gastons in Kent County, England, as early as 1273 A. D.

William Arthur (the father of President Chester A. Arthur) in *An Etymological Dictionary of Family and Christian Names* (Sheldon, Blakeman and Co., N. Y., 1857), page 138, gives the following information:

"*Gaston*. Local. From Gastein, a town in Bavaria. Also, a brave or valorous man, from *Gais*, Gaelic, bravery, valor, and *duin*, a man."

British Family Names (Elliott Stock, London, 62, Paternoster Row, 1894), page 130, by Henry Barber states:

"*Gaston*: Flemish, *Gasten*; French, *Gaston*; personal name."

Mark Anthony Lower, *Patronymica Britannica, A Dictionary of the Family Names of the United Kingdom* (John Russell Smith, London, 1860), page 125, is cited as follows:

"*Gaston*. 1. A grassy enclosure. Anglo-Saxon, *gaers*, grass, and *tun*, an enclosure. De la Gartson. H. R. 2. A baptismal name, as Gaston de Foix."

II

THE GASTON HERALDRY

Sir Bernard Burke, *The General Armory of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales* (Harrison and Sons, 59, Pall Mall, 1884), page 390, gives the following description of the Gaston coat of arms:

"*Gaston*. Chequy ar. on gu. three escallops in bend or.
Crest—An owl sa."

The same authority thus defines the above used terms: "Chequy," signifies checky; "escallop-shell," the pilgrims' badge in their expedition to holy shrines; "gu.," gules or red; "ar.," argent, or silver, or white; "or.," gold or yellow; and "sa.," sable, or black.

The motto for the Gaston coat of arms is, "*Fama semper vivit*, or, "*Fame lives forever*."

III

LINEAGE

There are numerous references occurring in the genealogical literature on the Gastons to the effect that they come of illustrious descent, including a long line of French royalty.

Lewin Dwinell McPherson, in a processed pamphlet on the Reid, Gaston, and Simonton families (Washington, Chicago, and Bremen, Ga., September 1939, page 15, copyrighted), gives the following account of the early lineage of the Gaston family:

The ancestry of the pioneer Gastons in America has been traced for nearly 1100 years to Foix, which is now the capital of the Department of Ariège, and during the middle ages was capital of the Counts of Foix. It is in Southwestern France, bordering the Pyrenees Mountains which separate France from Spain, and is situated between the Mediterranean Sea to the east and the Bay of Biscay and not far from either.

The first Gaston in direct line of ascent for whom dates and location are available was Jean (John) de (of) Foix. He was a direct descendant of Gaston de Foix de Nemours (*b.* 1489; *d.* 1512), a French general, son of Gion de Foix and Marie de Orleans, daughter of Charles of Orleans (*d.* 1461), son of Louis, Duke of Orleans, son of King John of France (1350-1364), son of Charles of Valois, son of Philip III (1285), son of Louis IX (1226-1270), son of Louis VIII (1223-1226), son of Louis VII (1137-1180), son of Louis VI (1108-1137), son of Philip I

(1060-1108), son of Henry I (1033-1060), son of Robert (996-1033), son of Hugh Capet and wife, Hedwig, who was daughter of Henry, King of Germany (b. 876; d. 973), son of Otto, Duke of Saxony.

The following data were secured by John Gordon Gaston of Woodruff, South Carolina, from materials supplied by Judge Arthur L. Gaston of Chester, South Carolina.

The Jean Gaston referred to below was the French Huguenot emigrant to Scotland from whom the Gaston family of the United States are derived. The following genealogical data are incomplete, but serve to show the royal lineage of Jean Gaston and his descendants.

THE ROYAL LINEAGE OF JEAN GASTON¹ OF FRANCE

Gaston I—Centule, Count of Bearn, 940-984.
b. 905; d. 984.

Issue:

Centule II Gaston, 984-1004.

Issue:

1—Gaston II, d. 1012.

Issue:

Centule III, Gaston -
Assas. 1058.

Mar. Angela of Gasconne

Issue:

Gaston III, d. 1060.

Mar. Adelaide, dau.
of Grand Duke of
Armagnac

Issue:

1. Centule IV.

¹Much interesting material on many of the individuals named in this lineage can be found in the French language in the following volumes, for example: *Biographie Universelle, Ancienne et Moderne*, chez L. G. Michaud, Imprimeur-Libraire, a Paris, 1816, Tome 16, pp. 544-545, provides an interesting account of Gaston, vicomte de Bearn, who was one of the most distinguished of the first crusaders, around 1097 A. D. Volume 15 of the same work, pages 131-132, gives a biographical sketch of Gaston III, comte de Foix, born in 1331; and Volume 32, pages 83-102, treats at length of Gaston Jean Baptiste de France, duc d'Orleans. Similarly in *Nouvelle Biographie Générale*, Volume 18, pages 38-47, and Volume 19, pages 603-614, are to be found short sketches, in the French language, of Gaston (Centule I), Gaston (Centule II), Gaston (Centule III), and Gaston I, Gaston III, Gaston IV, Gaston V, Gaston VI, and Gaston VII.

Centule IV—d. 1088. Count of Bearn, 1060-1088.

Mar. 1st. 1070, Gesele

Issue:

1. Gaston IV. d. 1130. Count of Bearn, 1088-1130.

Mar. Talese

Issue:

1. Centule V, d. 1134 without posterity.
2. Pierre, d. 1154. Count of Bearn, 1134-1153.

Issue:

Gaston V. d. 1170

Mar. Saucie, dau. of Garcia Baminez of Navarre. WP.

Marie—d. 1186. Countess of Bearn, 1176-1186.

Mar. 1170, Guillaume 1 Moncade, son of Guillaume Raymond of Navarre

Issue:

1. Gaston VI, d. 1215. Count of Bearn, 1186-1215.

2. Guillaume Raymond

Gaston VI. Mar. 1196, Petronville, Countess of Bigorre, d. 1251. WP

Guillaume Raymond, d. 1223. Countess of Bigorre, 1215-1223

Issue:

Guillaume II, d. 1229.

Guillaume II, Count of Bigorre, 1223-1229.

Mar. Gerseude, Countess of Forcalquier

Issue:

Gaston VII, d. 1290, Count of Bigorre, 1229-1290.

Mar. 1st—Mathe of Bigorre.

2nd Beatriz of Savoy

Issue:

Marquise. Mar. Roger Bernard, 1211, Count of Foix

Issue:

Gaston I—Count of Foix, 1302-1315

Mar. Jeanner of Artois

Issue: Gaston II (1306 - 1343)

Count of Foix

Mar. Eleanore of Comminges

Issue:

(Phoebus)

1. Gaston

III, b. 1331;

d. 1391.

Gaston III, b. 1331; d. 1391.

Mar. Agnes of Navarre in 1348, dau. of Phillip III.

Issue:

Matthieu, Count of Foix, 1391-1398.

Mar. Jeanne, dau. Juan I of Aragon. WP Isabelle, Countess of Foix, 1398.

Mar. Archambaud de Grailly, d. 1412.

Count of Foix, 1398-1412.

Issue:

Gaston, Count of Canaples.

Mar. Catherine, dau. of Eleanore, Queen of Navarre

Issue:

Jean, Count of Foix.

Mar. Anna of Navarre, d. 1532.

Issue:

Gaston IV, b. 1423; d. 1472.

Gaston IV, Count of Foix, b. 1423; d. July 1472,
 Mar. Eleanore, Queen of Navarre, 1434, daughter of
 Jean, King of Aragon; d. 1479.

Issue:

Gaston I, Count of Foix, and Prince of Vienna,
 b. 1442; d. 1486.

Mar. 1469 Magdalene, dau. of Charles VII,
 King of France in 1493

Issue:

Gaston II, Count of Narbonne, 1489;
 Duke of Nemours, 1507

Mar. Anna of Navarre. . . .

Data incomplete

Jean Gaston, born 1600

William

John

Alexander

IV

JEAN GASTON

OF FRANCE AND SCOTLAND

Jean (John) Gaston was born in France in 1600. He was a Huguenot, and, for this reason he was banished from France, his property was confiscated, and he sought refuge in Scotland.

It was early in the 16th century that Protestantism arose in France, and the movement was given a great impetus by the ideas of Martin Luther (1483-1546), leader of the Protestant Reformation. France had long been a leading Catholic stronghold, so immediately upon the emergence of Protestantism, it was persecuted, in spite of the comparative tolerance exhibited by Francis I (1494-1547), King of France, whose sister, Margaret of Navarre, was a leading protector of the Protestants.

The Protestants in France were called Huguenots, and as they grew in numbers, their persecution was increased. Nevertheless, they grew more and more numerous, and by 1559 there were enough of them to convene a national synod. This body "set up a church with Calvinistic doctrine and Presbyterian government, and its unity was one of the principal causes for the success of the Huguenots in fighting against overwhelming odds."¹ The leaders of the Protestants at this time were the princes de Condé, and Antoine de Bourbon, whose wife was the daughter of Margaret of Navarre.

In the year 1560, bloodshed began in the religious struggle which was to continue until 1593. It was during this period and the reign of Charles IX that the terrible Massacre of St. Bartholomew occurred, which began in Paris on August 24, 1572 and was characterized by widespread slaughter of Protestants all over France, one authority estimating the number of victims as high as seventy thousand.

After Henry of Navarre became Henry IV (1553-1610),

¹The *Columbia Encyclopedia*, Columbia University Press, New York, 1935, page 858.

king of France (1589-1610), he issued in 1598 the famous Edict of Nantes which established Protestantism in as many as 200 towns and authorized freedom of worship everywhere. The Huguenots became in succeeding years an important element in French life; and they were especially strong among the bourgeois and skilled artisan classes. Cardinal Richelieu (1585-1642), powerful Catholic prelate and highly influential chief minister of Louis XIII (1601-1643), broke the civil power of the Huguenots, but continued to allow them freedom of worship, a policy continued by Cardinal Mazarin (1602-1661), who succeeded Richelieu as chief minister to the king.

Louis XIV (1638-1715), however, wished to suppress Protestantism in France, and after years of brutalities toward them, he revoked in 1685 the Edict of Nantes, forcing the alternatives of either Catholicism or exile upon the Huguenots. Some 500,000 of them chose exile and momentary financial ruin.

As a rule, the refugees were not illiterate peasants; the poor labourer had not the means to travel far; they perforce had to stay, and some of them became the *Camisards*. Most refugees, on the contrary, belonged to the best classes; some of them were practically masters of the supply of certain articles, so that their loss was severely felt by the nation soon after their departure: in the first place, essential industries had disappeared or had been greatly weakened; in the second place, rival countries had gained as much as we had lost.¹

They fled to England, to the Low Countries, and to the colonies of these nations. Large numbers came to America, settling especially in the Carolinas, Pennsylvania, and New York, where they constituted one of the most substantial elements in the economic and social life of these colonies. Their descendants today continue to exhibit the same indomitable love of freedom, strength of religious conviction, and zeal for civic righteousness.

It was in these days of religious stress and persecution for the Huguenots in France that Jean Gaston took refuge in Scotland, the stronghold of Presbyterianism, and estab-

¹E. Saillens, *Facts About France*, Hachette et Cie., Paris, 1918, pages 103-104.

lished the beginnings of a new, stronger, and more democratic type of dynasty that was to long outlast the insecurity of the succession to the throne of his royal relatives in France. This Jean Gaston had, among others, three sons: John, William, and Alexander, who all emigrated from Scotland to county Antrim in northeastern Ireland, about 1660-1668. It was just about this time, the middle of the 17th century, that the Presbyterian Church was being strongly established in this part of Ireland, known as Ulster. The English were imposing Episcopalianism upon the Scotch with a great deal of religious strife and persecution as a result. Such compulsion was evidently as distasteful to the sons in Scotland as it had been to the father before them in France, so they moved to county Antrim, Ireland, where they could worship according to the dictates of their conscience. Of the three sons of Jean Gaston, probably John (whose name appears on the hearth-money rate list for Ireland in 1669, as of Magheragall, county Antrim) had issue, among others, several sons, some of whom remained in Ireland, some emigrating to America, as did also the sons of other brothers.

V

WILLIAM GASTON¹

OF CARANLEAGH, CLOUGHWATER,
COUNTY ANTRIM, IRELAND

One of the Gastons, grandson of Jean Gaston of France, who remained in Ireland, was known as the "first Irish William," and lived at Caranleagh, Cloughwater, near Ballymena, county Antrim, Ireland. Although this William Gaston remained in Ireland, his children all emigrated to America and eventually settled in South Carolina.

The first Irish William Gaston was born at Caranleagh, Cloughwater, County Antrim, Ireland, about 1680-90; died about 1770; married Olivet Lemon; had issue: 1. John,²

¹See *Ohio Valley Genealogies*, pages 40-43.

²This is the emigrant ancestor of the family of Judge Arthur L. Gaston of Chester County, South Carolina.

died 1782; married Esther Waugh, died 1789; emigrated to Pennsylvania, and thence removed about 1751-52 to Chester District, South Carolina, settling on Fishing Creek. 2. Elizabeth, married John Knox; settled in South Carolina. 3. Hugh, a minister, who emigrated to America and died on October 20, 1766 at the house of his brother, John, shortly after landing. 4. Mary, married James McClure; emigrated to America, and settled in South Carolina. 5. Robert, emigrated to America, and settled on Lynch's Creek, Lancaster County, South Carolina (see following section for this line). 6. Janet, married Charles Strong, emigrated to America, and settled in South Carolina. 7. William, drowned at Kell's Ford, Chester County, South Carolina; married after his fortieth year ——— Harbison, sister of James Harbison. 8. Martha, married Alexander Rosborough; emigrated to America and settled in South Carolina. 9. Alexander,¹ a physician, emigrated to America, and settled at Newberne, North Carolina, where he was killed by the British and Tories, August 20, 1781.

In view of the fact that frequent inquiries have been made with regard to the relationship of the members of the Amzi Williford Gaston line to the distinguished North Carolina jurist, Hon. William Gaston, for whom Gaston County and its county seat, Gastonia, are named, it is perhaps well, without prejudice to other Gastons of distinction, to give a brief sketch of his achievements, as adapted from the account by Professor R. D. W. Connor of the University of North Carolina in the *Dictionary of American Biography*, Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 1931, Volume VIII, pp. 180-181:

GASTON, WILLIAM (Sept. 19, 1778-Jan. 23, 1844), jurist, was born in New Bern, N. C. His father, Alexander Gaston, a native of Ireland and a descendant of the French Huguenot, Jean Gaston, had been a surgeon in the British Navy before settling in New Bern in 1765. There in 1775 he married Margaret Sharpe, an English woman of Catholic parentage. In 1781, Dr. Gaston, who was an ardent Whig, was

¹This Dr. Alexander Gaston was the father of Judge William Gaston, Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, for whom Gaston County, North Carolina, was named.

murdered by a band of Tories, in the presence of his wife and two children, Jane and William. Thereafter the great object of Margaret Gaston's life was the education of her son. Her deep piety and rare intellectual and moral qualities made an indelible impression upon his mind and character. . . . in 1794 entered the College of New Jersey from which he was graduated in 1796, with the highest honors of his class . . . Admitted to the bar in 1798. . . .

In politics Gaston was a Federalist. Between 1800 and 1832 he served four terms in the state Senate and seven in the House of Commons . . . He had also a brief but brilliant career in national politics. In 1808 he was a presidential elector, and from 1813 to 1817 served in Congress . . . In 1817, he voluntarily retired from Congress and never again entered national politics, declining in 1840 the offer of the United States senatorship and in 1841 the offer of a seat as attorney-general in Harrison's cabinet. . . .

Gaston served on the supreme court from 1833 to 1844. His opinions, published in Volumes XV to XXXVIII, inclusive, of the *North Carolina Reports*, display profound learning, clarity of reasoning, and vigor of expression; they are also distinguished for their broad humanitarian spirit. . . .

Gaston's reputation was national. His services as a speaker were in constant demand throughout the country. . . He was a trustee of the University of North Carolina for forty-two years. He was married three times. By his first wife, Susan Hay, who died within a year of her marriage, he had no children. To his second wife, Hannah McClure, were born two daughters and a son, Alexander. His third wife was Eliza Worthington, by whom he had two daughters. He died suddenly in Raleigh, and was buried in New Bern.

From the foregoing data, it will be observed that Dr. Alexander Gaston, father of Hon. William Gaston, a sketch of whose career has just been given, was a brother of Robert Gaston, an account of whom is given in the immediately following section.

VI

ROBERT GASTON¹OF LYNCH'S CREEK, LANCASTER
COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

Robert Gaston, son of William Gaston of Caranleagh, Cloughwater, county Antrim, Ireland and his wife, Olivet Lemon Gaston, was born about 1720 in Ireland. He married Margaret Logan(?) and emigrated to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, before July 10, 1757. Ten years later, in 1767, he moved to Lynch's Creek, 28 miles north of Camden and 2 miles east of Hanging Rock, in Lancaster County, South Carolina, where he died before May 9, 1787.

He was a patriot in the American Revolution to which cause he rendered substantial services as shown by documents on file among records of the Historical Commission of South Carolina, in Columbia. One of these documents is a certificate dated April 4, 1782, made by Captain Hugh McClure to the effect that Mr. Robert Gaston furnished during the Revolution "one Horse for 70 Days in Col. Henry Hampton's Light Dragoons. Certified By Me. Hugh McClure, Capt." The other document on record is a similar receipt from S. Mathis of the State Commissary for 280 pounds of beef furnished during the Revolution and certification for the payment of same under date of August 11th, 1785. Photostatic copies of these documents are in the possession of the writer, and similar ones are available through the Historical Commission of South Carolina.

There have been at least two entries into the Daughters of the American Revolution on the record of this Robert Gaston. One of these is to be found in *D. A. R. Lineage Book*, Volume 144, page 224, Record Number 143,726. The citation with regard to the Revolutionary record of Robert Gaston is given, as follows: "Robert Gaston was a patriot of South Carolina, who rendered material aid. He was born in Ireland, died at Lynch's Creek, South Carolina."

¹See *Ohio Valley Genealogies*, p. 41.

This Robert Gaston seems to have been the only one of the earlier Gastons of South Carolina to have settled in Lancaster County. He and his wife, Margaret Logan(?) Gaston, had issue: 1. William, born July 23, 1755; died January 14, 1838; served in the Revolutionary War; removed to Kentucky, and thence to Walnut Hill, Marion County, Illinois; had issue, four sons and five daughters, of whom: i. Samuel, died 1826; settled in Marion County, Illinois, 1819; ii. William, served in the War of 1812; iii. John, settled in Bond County, Illinois; iv. Robert, settled in Bond County, Illinois, 1822; v. Margaret, married Thomas Kell, and removed to Marion County, Illinois, 1822; 2. Thomas, born July 18, 1759, died April 23, 1832; married Sarah Nickels. (See following section for this line). 3. James, born July 24, 1761. 4. John. 5. Hugh. 6. Joseph. 7. Margaret, died 1816, married her second cousin William McCreary. 8. Stephen(?).¹

It is the opinion of the writer that the wife of Robert Gaston was Margaret Logan, and that Thomas Gaston, discussed in the following section, was their son. Also, notes left by Thomas Pinckney Gaston state that his grandfather, Thomas Gaston (1759-1832), had a brother, William, who migrated to Illinois; and also a brother, Joseph, who died in Tennessee. This statement tallies substantially with data given in the preceding paragraph, although nothing is indicated there concerning Joseph, except that he was a son of this Robert Gaston.

¹See Lewin Dwinell McPherson, *The Brotherhood of Man*, section concerning the Reid, Gaston, and Simonton families, published by the author, Washington, Chicago, and Bremen, Georgia, September 1939, page 19.

VII

THOMAS GASTON

OF LANCASTER COUNTY AND SPARTANBURG
COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

Thomas Gaston, son of Robert Gaston and his wife, Margaret Logan Gaston, of Lynch's Creek, Lancaster County, South Carolina, was born July 18, 1759 and died April 23, 1832. He married Sarah Nickels, daughter of James Nickels¹ of Hanging Rock Creek, Lancaster County, South Carolina. She died March 30, 1818.

Thomas Gaston and his wife, Sarah Nickels Gaston, had nine children: 1. Robert, born September 17, 1787, died July 13, 1848; married Ann Wakefield of Reidville, South Carolina; and had the following issue: i. Elizabeth. ii. Sarah (Sallie), married Andrew Cowan. iii. Rosa, married William Pearson, and lived near Ashmore Bennett place. iv. Dr. William Rosborough Gaston, a practising physician, born December 25, 1827, near Reidville, South Carolina; married Lucinda Bridwell; and had issue: (1) Georgia, married Amzi Cason Gaston; (2) William Belton, married May Pearson; had issue: Crawford, Lou Ellen, Georgia, O'Neal, Dolly, Virginia, Myrtle, and John Henry; (3) Geneva; (4) Thomas Rosborough, married Rebbie Alverson, daughter of Green Alverson and Sylvia Johnson Alverson of Reidville, South Carolina; had issue: James and Elizabeth; 2. James Nickels, born January 18, 1789, died July 31, 1876; married Mary Powers, born 1789, died 1860 (for this line see next section). 3. Hugh, born September 29, 1790; married ——— McElrath; had issue; i. Harvey; married ——— McElrath, and their children were: Samuel; Jane, married Doc. Dobbins; Lina, married Thomas Boyter; Lawrence. ii. Emily, married Tom Wood, and their children were: Sarah Jane, William, James, Nan (died unmarried), John, and Harriett (died unmarried).

¹See immediately preceding section on Robert Gaston of Lynch's Creek, Lancaster County, South Carolina.

iii. Mary Jane, married an Italian, and had no issue. 4. Elizabeth, born February 5, 1793; married Jesse Wakefield. 5. William, born January 7, 1795, died December 14, 1825, and was unmarried. 6. Joseph, born July 9, 1796, died July 13, 1847; married Margaret Caldwell, and had three daughters. 7. Samuel, born September 4, 1798, died September 12, 1857; married Sarah Wakefield; had the following children: i. Tom Larkin, married Mary Gillespie, and had no issue; ii. Margaret, married John Bennett, and their children, among others, were Ashmore (died May 18, 1936), and Lucretia. 8. Margaret Logan, born June 13, 1800, died July 22, 1863. 9. Thomas Logan, born April 7, 1805, died at Asheville, North Carolina, March 24, 1854; married, first, April 16, 1829, Prudence Doolen (born February 4, 1809, died October 1837); had issue: i. Harriet Resiah, born March 19, 1830, died August 1832; ii. Josiah Perry, born April 30, 1832; married, August 23, 1855, Martha Jones; iii. Parley Clenney, born July 30, 1835, married Addie Moore. Thomas Logan Gaston's second wife was Mrs. Margaret Walker of Spartanburg County, South Carolina, and there were no children by this marriage. His home was on the west bank of the French Broad River, Asheville, North Carolina.

The home place of Thomas Gaston, his wife, Sarah Nickels Gaston, and their family was in Spartanburg County, South Carolina, a mile west of South Tyger River, about two miles east of Reidville, South Carolina, on the south side of the present road from Spartanburg to Reidville. This place was later known as the Doctor Rosborough Gaston place, and is now owned by Mr. Joe Pearson.

This Thomas Gaston was said¹ to have had a brother William in Southern Illinois, and a brother, Joseph, who died in Tennessee. Thomas Gaston is said to have been buried in the graveyard at Nazareth Presbyterian Church (founded in 1772) in Spartanburg County, South Carolina. No marker is found there except the engraved initials "T. G." on a field stone, located next to the grave of James A. Gaston.

¹*Ibid.*

Thomas served in the Revolution as an irregular and the powder horn used by him is at this time in the possession of one of the descendants in Asheville, North Carolina. This same horn was used by another member of the family in the War of 1812, and in the Civil War (1861-1865). These dates appear on the horn.

There are among the records of the Historical Commission of South Carolina at Columbia two documents attesting the pay due Thomas Gaston for military service in 1779, 1781, and 1782. A true copy of these documents is as follows, being derived from a photostatic copy of each of them supplied by the Secretary of the Historical Commission:

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

To Thomas Gaston Dr.

from May 7th	}	To 39 Days Service Done under Col ^o . Marshell as footman at 10s per Day £ 19 .. 10 .. 0
To 1779		
June 15th		

from October 20th	}	To 62 Days Service Done under Col ^o . Marshel as footman at 10s per Day—£ 31 .. 0 .. 0
To 1781		
December 21st		

I Do hereby Certi- fy that the above account is Just and True	}	Old Currency	£ 50 .. 10 .. 0
		in Sterling	£ 7 .. 4 .. 3 ¼
		John Marshel Col ^o .	

South Carolina	}	this Day Came Thomas Gaston and Duly made Oath that the above account is Just and True and that he Never Received any Satisfaction for Same
Camden District		

Sworn to and Assigned

this 20th Day of October 1786 John Marshel J. P.

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

To Thomas Gaston Dr

from Februry 22d }
to April 13th, 1779 }To 50 Days Service Done Under the
Command of Col. Marshel as foot
man at 10s per Day £ 25 .. 0 .. 0October ye 10th }
To 1779 }
November 19 }To 40 Days service Done under the
Command of Col. Marshel as horse
man and furnished his own horse at
20s per Day £ 40 .. 0 .. 0May ye 31st }
To 1782 }
July 12th }To 42 Days service Done under the Com-
mand of Col. Marshel as foot man at 10s
per Day £ 21 .. 0 .. 0I Do Certify the above acct. to
be Just and True{ Old Currency
{ Totals £ 86 .. 0 .. 0
{ in Sterling £ 12 .. 5 .. 8½John Marshel } Col^o.South Carolina }
Camden District }this Day Came Thomas Gaston
before me and Duly made oath
that the above accompt. is Just
and True and he never received
any Satisfaction for the same.Sworn to and assigned. this 22d of July 1784—Thomas
Gaston before me

Fredk Kimball J. P.

Thomas Gaston, on the 27th day of February 1789, bought one hundred acres of land from his father-in-law, James Nickels, for thirty pounds, which at that time represented about \$1.00 per acre. This land was located on the bank of Hanging Rock Creek in Lancaster County, South Carolina, and was a part of the land granted, September 30, 1774, by William Bull, Esq., Lieutenant-Governor of the province of South Carolina, to Robert Love.

The First Census of the United States 1790, South Carolina, records among other data the following:

Thomas Gaston, Lancaster County

1 free white male, over 16 [Evidently Thomas Gaston, himself]

3 free white males, under 16 [Three oldest sons, likely, Robert, James N., and Hugh]

1 free white female, over 16 [Thomas's wife]

Thomas Gaston by vocation was a wagon maker and during the Revolution devoted his time to building and repairing wagons for the Continental Army.

In 1799, Thomas, with many other residents of Lancaster County, went to Spartanburg County, South Carolina, and while there made arrangements for the purchase of 250 acres of land from ——— Clark. In 1800, he completed the purchase of this land located near Reidville, South Carolina, on the west bank of South Tyger River.

On the 13th of December 1809, he returned to Lancaster County and sold his land in that county to Claborn Horton. From this time until his death, his visits to Lancaster County were few, and during his declining years he expressed his desire to visit his relatives in that county.

Thomas Gaston was a devout Presbyterian and was at all times ready to give of his time and money to the advancement of community welfare. He owned a flour and grist mill on Gaston Creek, and later installed one of the first cotton gins for that section of the country.

VIII

JAMES NICKELS GASTON

OF REIDVILLE, SPARTANBURG
COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

James ("Jimmy") Nickels Gaston (1789-1876), second son of Thomas and his wife, Sarah Nickels Gaston, was born January 18, 1789 in Lancaster County, South Carolina, at the homestead on Hanging Rock Creek and lived there with his parents until they moved to Spartanburg County in 1800. He helped his father in the wagon business and later operated the flour and grist mill and gin near Reidville. The millstones used by them in grinding corn are now in the possession of J. W. Gaston of Duncan, South Carolina, who uses them for seats in his yard. The desk owned by him, and probably built by him, was in the possession of Oliver Lawrence Gaston of Duncan. South Carolina, until his death.

James Nickels Gaston donated much land around Reidville for the erection and establishment of the Reidville Male and Female colleges. He was a public-spirited and generous hearted citizen with high standing in the community.

James Nickels Gaston married Mary Powers, who was born in 1789, and died either April or August 28, 1860. They lived on the west bank of Gaston Creek, near the grist mill, owning the place now known as the D. O. Leonard place. James Nickels Gaston served in the War of 1812, and the powder horn he used is in the possession of relatives in Asheville, North Carolina. He died on July 31, 1876, and is buried at Nazareth.

James Nickels Gaston, and his wife, Mary Powers Gaston, had seven children: 1. Hamilton Rosborough, born February 10, 1811, and died March 1891; married _____ and had the following issue: i. William, died in the Civil War; ii. Joel, died at the age of 22, after the War;

iii. Melissa, married ———— Cross, and lived at Westminster, South Carolina; iv. Henrietta, died unmarried in 1933; v. Elliott, died a bachelor in California; vi. Leonora, married ————; vii. Luther, married ———— Steel, of Westminster, South Carolina; viii. Walter, married and lives near Tampa, Florida; ix. Anna, married ———— Hall of Westminster, South Carolina; x. Elwood, of Wichitah Falls, Texas. 2. Amzi Williford, born April 16, 1813, died May 18, 1841; married Jane Peden, on January 24, 1839; had issue: James A., born October 13, 1839, died April 15, 1849; Amzi Williford, born May 17, 1841, died September 16, 1911 (See following section of this pamphlet for a fuller account of this line). 3. Thomas Pinkney, born April 29, 1815; married, first, Janette Minerva Anderson (died September 23, 1868), and had issue: i. William Denny, born October 13, 1840; married Mary Ann Zimmerman, and had among others the following issue: (1) Virgil R., a Presbyterian minister, born March 16, 1869; married on June 2, 1897, Mary Elizabeth McCullum, of Sumter, South Carolina, and had issue: David McCullum, born October 4, 1900; Elizabeth Grace, born March 17, 1905; and Virginia, born 1907. ii. Edward Baxter, born July 23, 1842; married, first, Amanda Winn, and had issue: Tom, Nettie, Corrie, Anna, Bessie, and Newton. Married, second, Abbie Dye, and had issue: Lawrence, Mary (burned to death, age 10 years), Roy, and Josephine. This Edward Baxter Gaston and his family moved to Texas, near Gainesville, in December 1870. iii. Anderson Lewers, born September 9, 1845; married, first, Sally Rowe, and had one child, May. Married, second, Mattie McAllister, and had issue: William, Dante, Walter, Elbert, and Lee. This family lived near Gainesville, Texas. iv. Mary Elizabeth, born October 16, 1847; married Jeff Wood of Marietta, Georgia, lived near Duncan, South Carolina, and had issue: Raymond, Alma, Ruel, Caddie, Lillian, and Lorraine. v. James Newton, born June 9, 1854, unmarried, lived in Texas. vi. Laura Adeline, born December 22, 1856, died November 19, 1932; buried at Nazareth. vii. Oliver Lawrence, born March 15, 1859, died March 7, 1938; married

Lucy Grant Bishop, and had no issue. viii. Jeanette Alice, born August 22, 1868, died August 30, 1894; married Hampton Boggs, lived at Liberty, South Carolina, and had no issue. 4. Sarah Adeline, married in 1848, John Hawkins, and had issue: i. Jane, born in 1849; ii. Georgie, born in 1852; iii. Docia,¹ born in 1856; iv. Bud, born in 1859. This couple went to Georgia after marriage, and later moved to Texas, near Gainesville. 5. James A., killed by a tree, as a child. 6. William Powers. 7. Joseph James.

IX

AMZI WILLIFORD GASTON I
OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
NEAR DUNCAN

Amzi Williford Gaston I, second son of James Nickels Gaston and Mary Powers Gaston, was born April 16, 1813. On January 24, 1839, he married Jane Peden, daughter of Andrew Peden and Jane McConnell Peden, from near Woodruff, South Carolina, and they established their home on the Gap Creek Road between Duncan and Moore, about 3 miles south of Duncan. This is the location of the present home of John Williford Gaston, Sr., a grandson of Amzi Williford Gaston I.

Amzi Williford Gaston I and his wife, Jane Peden Gaston, had issue: 1. James A., born October 13, 1839, and died April 15, 1849, at an age of approximately ten years. 2. Amzi Williford Gaston II, born May 17, 1841, died September 16, 1911; married on August 16, 1870, Margaret Holder, daughter of John Anthony Holder and Anna Mary Knox Holder, born on May 17, 1847, at Olney, Alabama, Pickens County, near Tom Big Bee River, died July 30, 1937.

Amzi Williford Gaston I died, at the age of 28 years, on May 18, 1841, at the home of his father, the day after

¹This Docia Hawkins married Horace King Jones in 1875, and is the mother of Judge Marvin Jones, formerly congressman from Texas, later federal judge, and at present War Food Administrator, and several brothers and sisters. She now resides with Judge Jones' family at Amarillo, Texas.

his second son, Amzi W. II, was born. The young widow continued to live in her home near Duncan for eight years, when death struck again, two-fold—Jamie died, and also her mother, Jane McConnell Peden. Then she and Amzi II went to her father's home where she led a long and useful life in her family and community. Her grandchildren affectionately called her "Mother." She died October 13, 1893 and is buried beside her husband in Nazareth Church cemetery.

Jane Peden was one of a distinguished line.¹ Briefly, she was the daughter of Andrew Peden (married Jane McConnell), son of Thomas Peden (married Elizabeth White), who was the son of John Peden, born in Ireland about 1709 (married Margaret or "Peggy" McDill), the son of James Peden (married Agnes Miller), a younger brother of Alexander Peden the Prophet (born in 1626, and died in 1686). Alexander the Prophet and James, a younger brother, were sons of Hugh Peden (married Isabella Rabb), who suffered and died a martyr's death about the 15th century.

John Peden, patriot, [and his wife, Margaret ("Peggy") McDill], gave to the Revolutionary army himself and seven sons, James, Thomas, John, William, Samuel, Alexander, and David; three sons-in-law, James Alexander, Sr., Samuel Morrow, William Gaston; grandsons, John, James, William and Thomas Alexander, John, James, and David Morton, William, John, James, and Thomas Peden; about twenty-two in all. Some of these were mere boys, but it is a glorious record for one family."²

The following is quoted from *The House of Fowler*, (published by the author, Grover Fowler, Hickory, North Carolina, 1940), pages 728-730:

The Revolutionary War Records of John Peden and his seven sons, his three sons-in-law, and a number of his grandsons are recorded in *Stub Entries of Indents*, by A. S. Salley, Secretary of the Historical Commission of South Carolina in Columbia, South Carolina. . . . The official Revolutionary War records of Thomas Peden are . . . 'Issued to Thomas Peden:

¹See Eleanor M. Howell, *The Pedens of America: 1768-1900*.

²*Ibid.*, p. 100.

8 pounds, 11 shillings, 5 pence for duty in Roebuck's Regiment.' Also in 1786, the State of South Carolina paid Thomas Peden for 60 bushels of corn, at 10 shillings per bushel, 30 pounds, and two hogs taken at the same time 10 pounds, for troops in 1781 under General Pickens.

On October 3, 1936, the descendants of Thomas Peden met with the Mary Musgrove Chapter and State Officers of the D. A. R. and placed a bronze marker on the grave of Thomas Peden. This grave is in the Old Peden Cemetery, on land originally granted to the Pedens in 1768 about a mile northeast of the Buncombe Road, and five miles above the present town of Woodruff, South Carolina.

A considerable number of people have entered the Daughters of the American Revolution upon the record of this John Peden, who in 1730 married Margaret ("Peggy") McDill (1715-1788). The citation given in this connection (see *D. A. R. Lineage Books*, Volume 93, page 223, Record Number 92,712; Volume 97, page 139, Record Number 96,440; Volume 100, page 269, Record Number 99,867; Volume 122, page 88, Record Number 121,272; and Volume 137, page 44, Record Number 136,126) is as follows: "John Peden (1709-1790), a patriot, too old for active service, aided in loading rifles and guns for the soldiers during the battles. He was born in Broughshane, Ireland, and died in Chester, South Carolina."

It should also be noted that Thomas Peden, son of John and Margaret McDill Peden, served actively in Roebuck's regiment in the Revolutionary War, as well as supplying considerable material aid in addition. The Mary Musgrove Chapter of the South Carolina Daughters of the American Revolution, together with the officers of the State Chapter, in 1936 gave honored recognition to Thomas Peden by placing a bronze marker on his grave in the old Peden Cemetery, near Woodruff, South Carolina. The Registrar General of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution writes as follows, under date of March 23, 1944: "Replying to your letter of March 14th . . . we would state that we have accepted the record of

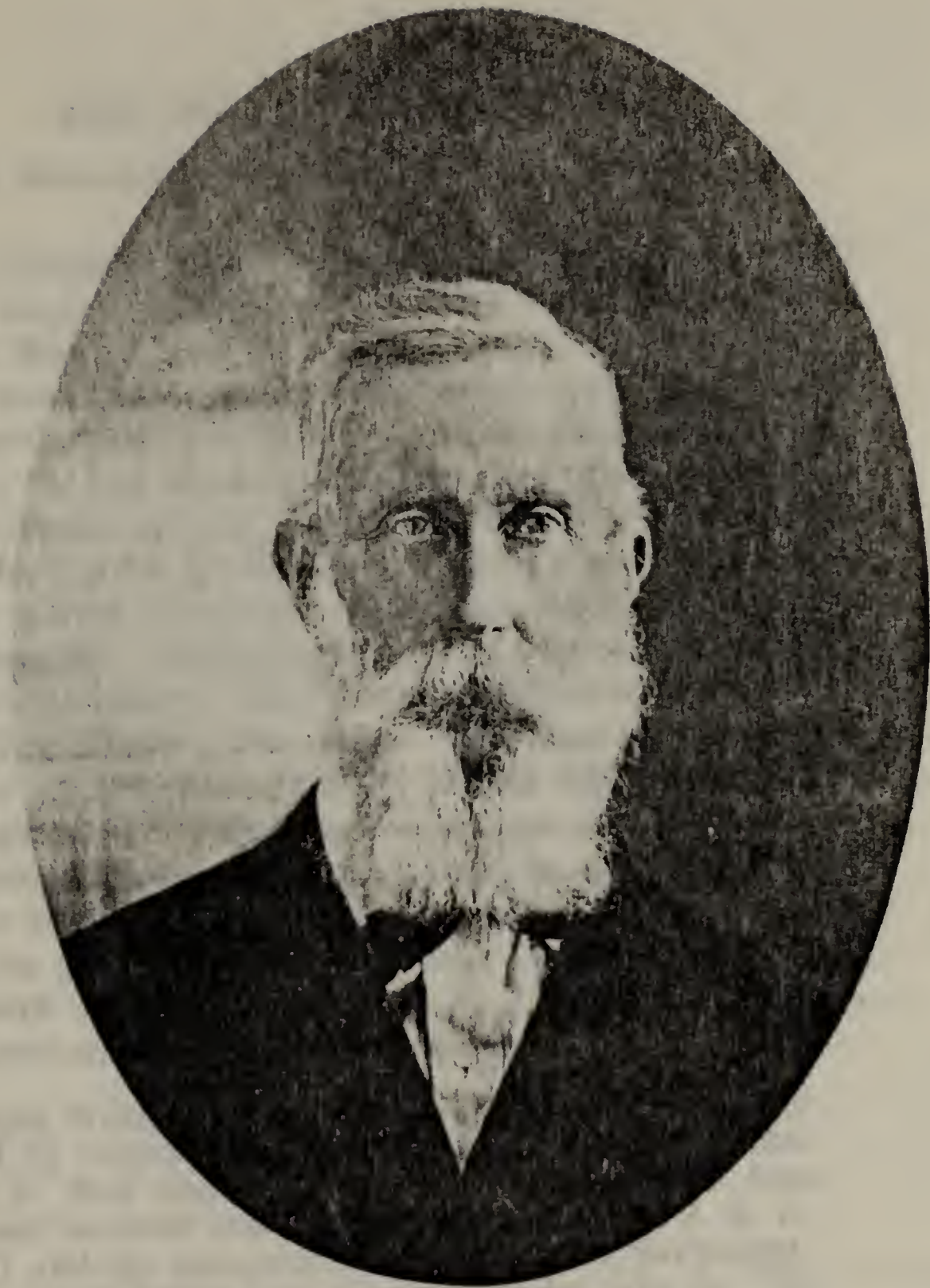
Thomas Peden, who served as a Private under Col. Robuck. . . . The reference given for his service is A. S. Salley's *Stub Entries of Indents*, 3498, Book 10, Part II. Reference is also made to *The Pedens of America*, pages 217-220, 226, 231-236."

The Peden home place to which Jane Peden Gaston, the widow of Amzi Williford Gaston I, moved after the death of her mother and older son, consisted of some 500 acres on Ferguson Creek in Spartanburg County, near Woodruff, South Carolina, and was the original grant made to John Peden by George the Third, King of England. The price paid was \$3.75 for the entire 500 acres. A part of this tract of land is still in the possession of a descendant of John Peden and "Peggy" McDill Peden, John Williford Gaston, Jr.¹

Andrew Peden made a pine chest for his daughter Jane, and this is now owned by Mary Gaston (Mrs. N. P.) Anderson. The graceful mahogany dressing table of Jane McConnell Peden, Andrew's wife, is now owned by J. W. Gaston, Sr.

Thomas Peden, the grandfather of Jane Peden Gaston, remained in the old home section in Spartanburg County, while the other Pedens went to Fairview, in Greenville County. He is buried in the old Peden cemetery, on land originally granted to the Pedens in 1768, about a mile northeast of the Buncombe Road, and five miles above the town of Woodruff, South Carolina.

¹For further information on the Peden line and its connections, see Eleanor M. Howell, *The Pedens of America*, and Grover P. Fowler, *The House of Fowler*.



AMZI WILLIFORD GASTON II



MR. WILSON (1880-1881)

X

AMZI WILLIFORD GASTON II

OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

Amzi Williford Gaston II (1841-1911), son of Amzi Williford Gaston I and his wife, Jane Peden Gaston, was born on May 17, 1841, at the home of his father, on Gap Creek road, about three miles south of Duncan, South Carolina, the day before his father passed away. He grew into "a tall, commanding figure, a typical Norman Gaston, with the steelest, bluest, truest eyes of the fearless race."¹ He, like his grandfather, Thomas Peden before him, stood for purity of church and state, clean politics, and good citizenship. At the tender age of 16 years, he became a member of General "Jeb" Stuart's famous Cavalry during the War Between the States. His gun is now in the possession of his son, John Williford Gaston, and his granddaughter, Mary Gaston Gee, has his powder horn. He was a great admirer of Lee and Jackson, and it was with pride that he would point to their picture over his mantle and tell his grandchildren of his war experiences.

A sketch by the late Colonel T. J. Moore, of Moore, South Carolina, has the following to say:

Amzi Williford Gaston joined a cavalry company raised by Captain A. H. Dean, which became Company E, 2nd South Carolina Cavalry. With this company he rode under orders of the gallant J. E. B. Stuart and the immortal Wade Hampton, participating in every battle that his commander was in. He always talked cheerfully of war days and enjoyed the U. C. V. reunions, nearly all of which he attended till too infirm. He has left a noble example of patriotic duty to Church and State. You could always find him on the right side. In church affairs he was always a leader. Bereft of a father in early life, he with his mother, though living 10 miles away, could always be found at the Nazareth Presbyterian Church service. The writer was always impressed

¹Eleanor M. Howell, *The Pedens of America: 1763-1900*, pp. 217-220.

with his devotion to the church, and in his school-boy days, with his exemplary character. It is no wonder, however, for he came from pious ancestry, dating back to the Old World where they were leaders in the cause of civil and religious freedom.

On August 16, 1870, Amzi Williford Gaston II married Margaret Holder, daughter of John Anthony Holder and Anna Mary Knox Holder. Margaret Holder was born at Olney, Alabama, Pickens County, near Tom Big Bee River on May 17, 1847. Her father, John Anthony Holder, son of Jesse Holder of England, who had settled 6 miles east of Ora, South Carolina, at the "Polly Holder Spring," and Mary Langston of France, was born December 25, 1795 and died at Ora, South Carolina in 1870. Her mother, Anna Mary Knox Holder, daughter of James Knox of Scotland, who was ruling elder in Oak Grove, Alabama, Presbyterian Church for 50 years, and his wife, Margaret Elliott Knox, was born at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, in 1810, and died December 13, 1887. This Margaret Elliott was the daughter of David Elliott of Scotland and his wife, Jane ————— Elliott, who came from Ireland when a child. David Elliott was killed by an unknown party near Macon, Georgia, just after the War of 1812. After her husband's death, Jane Elliott lived with her son, David. She was 106 years old when she died. John Anthony Holder and his wife, Anna Mary Knox Holder, the parents of Margaret Holder Gaston, were married on December 21, 1836. They had four sons and one daughter: John Anthony, Jr., Jesse Berry, William Guano, David Willis, and Margaret.

Of Margaret Holder Gaston, wife of Amzi Williford Gaston II, her pastor, Reverend William H. Dendy, paid the following tribute in an obituary notice in the *Christian Observer*:

Mrs. Margaret Holder Gaston passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. S. Nesbitt, [on July 30, 1937] at the age of ninety, after a lingering illness. She heard the call of the Saviour to go and be with Him, leaving a home where devoted hands had ministered to her every need over a long period of declining health.



MARGARET HOLDER GASTON

Mrs. Gaston was the daughter of John A. and Mary Knox Holder, of Pickens County, Ala. She was a direct descendant of John Knox, the Reformer. Surviving are two daughters: Mrs. J. S. Nesbitt and Mrs. N. P. Anderson. Also six sons, J. W., R. W., A. C., J. G., T. C., and J. S. Gaston. There are also forty-one grandchildren, twenty-one great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews in Alabama and Mississippi.

Early in life she gave her heart to the Saviour and lived a sweet life of devotion to Him and His Church. She was a member of the Presbyterian church, Reidville, S. C. A marked testimony of her Christian life was revealed in the fortitude and patience with which she bore her declining years, causing her children to "rise up and call her blessed."

She was loved by everyone who knew her for her virtues and especially for her kindness and gentleness. No finer testimony can be given to her life than the testimony of her own sweet character and her many virtues. These speak their own language to those who knew and loved her, and any words spoken of her will only be a poor summation of her life and character which speak so sweetly for themselves.

"There are stars that go out in the darkness
But whose silvery light shineth on,
There are roses whose perfume still lingers
When the blossoms are faded and gone.

"There are hearts full of light and of sweetness
When no longer their life current flows,
Still their goodness lives on with the living
Like the souls of the star and the rose."

REV. WM. H. DENDY, *Pastor.*

Amzi Williford Gaston II and his wife, Margaret Holder Gaston, had ten sons and two daughters: 1. John Williford; 2. Robert White; 3. Amzi Cason; 4. Fizzie Hampton; 5. James Gordon; 6. Thomas Craig; 7. Jeb Stuart; 8. Mary Elizabeth (Mayme"); 9. Palmer De Witte; 10. Bayard Lamar; 11. Norton Reid; 12. David Holder.

Amzi Williford Gaston II died on September 16, 1911, and

Margaret Holder Gaston died July 30, 1937, both of them at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Nesbitt of near Duncan, South Carolina, where they lived after they left their home at the old Peden place on Ferguson Creek.

1. JOHN WILLIFORD GASTON

John Williford Gaston, first child of Amzi Williford Gaston II and his wife, Margaret Holder Gaston, was born at the old Peden place on Ferguson Creek, July 3, 1871. Since he was the eldest of a large family, he learned early that it took work to fulfill ambitions. On December 21, 1893, he and Nettie Griffin, who lived at the Gresham place near Duncan, South Carolina, were married, and they started their home at the old home place of Amzi Williford Gaston I, and in sight of the bride's home. Will Gaston, as he is affectionately known by his friends, is one of South Carolina's Master Farmers. He is a charter member and long-time vice-president of the South Carolina Cotton Co-operative Marketing Association, one of the State's pioneer leaders for a higher standard of public schools and improved highways, and has been a deacon and an elder in the Reidville Presbyterian Church (founded in 1889) since young manhood. His model farm is said to have more data on file about it in the Department of Agriculture than almost any other privately owned farm in the United States.

During World War I, John Williford Gaston served as a member of the Board of Appeals for Selective Service for the Western District of South Carolina, and is performing a similar service during World War II. Until he met with a serious illness, resulting from an accident and lasting for almost a couple of year, he was one of the three members of the State AAA Committee. He was for a number of years chairman of the agriculture committee of the Rotary Club of Spartanburg, South Carolina. His support has been given strongly in favor of the farm and home demonstration work in his own county and State, and it would be almost impossible to overestimate the extent of his influence upon the improvement of farming practices in his community.

Nettie Griffin Gaston, wife of John Williford Gaston, was born October 4, 1874. She is the daughter of John Henry Griffin (born September 29, 1851; died July 28, 1927) and his wife, Sarah Elizabeth Gresham Griffin (born June 22, 1852; died July 25, 1875), who were married on September 9, 1873. This John Henry Griffin was the son of Jacob Griffin of Spartanburg County, South Carolina, and his wife, Jeanette Howe Griffin,¹ the daughter of Henry Howe of Virginia and his wife, Jane Smith Howe. This Jane Smith Howe was the daughter of John Smith and his wife, Ellen McElrath Smith, both immigrants from Ireland.

Sarah Elizabeth Gresham Griffin, wife of John H. Griffin, and mother of Nettie Griffin Gaston, was the daughter of William Gresham (born July 28, 1818; died September 13, 1873), son of Thomas Gresham and his wife, Sarah Jane Nesbitt Gresham (born February 1, 1833; died October 14, 1898). Sarah Jane Nesbitt Gresham was the daughter of Joseph Nesbitt (born August 5, 1800; died July 6, 1888) and his wife, Elizabeth Snoddy Nesbitt (born April 1801; died May 24, 1867), who was the daughter of Isaac Snoddy (born 1770; died 1842) and his wife, Jane Crawford Snoddy (born 1779; died 1864). Jane Crawford Snoddy was the daughter of Patrick Crawford (born 1750; died 1783), an immigrant from Ireland, who was killed in the Revolutionary War, and his wife, Mary Cowan Crawford. Patrick Crawford² served as a private in Captain Barry's South Carolina Rangers. He was born in Belfast, Ireland and died in Spartanburg, South Carolina. There is in Spartanburg County, South Carolina, a monument to this Patrick Crawford, erected in 1896 by his descendants. It bears the following inscription:

PATRICK CRAWFORD, A NATIVE OF IRELAND, AN
EARLY SETTLER OF THIS SECTION, A WHIG SOLDIER,
WAS KILLED IN HIS COUNTRY'S SERVICE IN THE WAR
OF THE REVOLUTION.

¹Misses Sallie and Julia Howe of Wellford, South Carolina, are nieces of this Jeanette Howe Griffin. They are daughters of William Daniel Howe, who was a brother of Jeanette Howe Griffin. Other brothers were: John, Tom, Nathaniel, and Ben.

²See *D. A. R. Lineage Book*, Volume 123, page 18, Lineage Record Number 122,057.

Sarah Elizabeth Gresham Griffin, mother of Nettie Griffin Gaston, died when her daughter and only child was only a few months old. After her mother's death, Nettie Griffin made her home with her Grandmother Gresham, Uncle Kemp, and Aunt Rosa Gresham until her marriage.

John Williford ("Will") Gaston and his wife, Nettie Griffin Gaston, have six children: i. Margaret Elizabeth, born March 29, 1895. "Margie" has devoted her life to her parents. She was graduated from Converse College in 1918. Always she has not only been a faithful member of the Reidville Presbyterian Church, but an active worker in its church school and woman's auxiliary. ii. Amzi Williford Gaston III, born June 27, 1897, died January 26, 1915. iii. Mary, born July 29, 1899; graduated from Converse College in 1920; married, June 7, 1921, Wilson Gee,¹ university professor, born September 18, 1888, son of Reuben Thompson Gee (born September 1, 1844; died October 7, 1922) and Gertrude Gist Gee (born July 20, 1852; died December 16, 1928) of Union, South Carolina. Their children are: (1) Mary Wilson Gee, born April 30, 1922; graduated from Converse College in May 1942; married July 25, 1942, Lieutenant (j.g) William Carroll Tuthill, United States Naval Reserves, of Charlottesville, Virginia, born August 10, 1921, graduated from University of Virginia in June 1942, son of Tracy Emerson Tuthill, and his wife, Isabelle Carroll Tuthill, born September 19, 1897. (2) Williford Gaston Gee, born October 12, 1923; attended Clemson College, September 1940 to February 1943, when he entered the infantry, United States Army, where at the present time his rank is that of Sergeant; married September 4, 1943, Mary Lee Wayland, born October 2, 1923, graduated St. Margaret's School for Girls, Tappahannock, Virginia, attended Madison College, 1941-1943, daughter of George Bourne Wayland, born April 25, 1897, and his wife, Norman Adams Wayland, born December 6, 1898, of Crozet, Virginia. Wilson Gee, rural economist and author, a

¹See Wilson Gee, *The Gist Family of South Carolina*, and *The Gee Family of Union County, South Carolina* (both published by the author, Charlottesville, Virginia, the former in 1934 and the latter in 1935).

professor at the University of Virginia, is a veteran of World War I, training at Yale University, going overseas in the first laboratory unit from the Yale Army Laboratory School, and serving as Technician, United States Army Medical Corps in France, 1918-1919. He and his family live on Montibello Circle, Charlottesville, Virginia. iv. Tom Moore, born November 15, 1901; attended Hastoc School for Boys, Spartanburg, South Carolina, and University of South Carolina; married first, November 14, 1922, Virginia Mason, born September 19, 1902, daughter of Palmer Mason and Josephine Rogers Mason. They were subsequently divorced. One child resulted from this marriage: (1) Joseph Mason, born August 29, 1924, attended Clemson College, 1941-1943, at the present time an Aviation Cadet in the United States Army Air Forces, who makes his home with his grandparents, John Williford and Nettie Griffin Gaston. Tom Moore Gaston married a second time on December 7, 1942, Julia Kathleen LeMaster, daughter of Robert Edward LeMaster, died March 15, 1939, and his wife, Mary Ellen Burnett LeMaster. Their home is at Woodruff, South Carolina. v. Nettie Allene Gaston, born February 8, 1912; graduated from Converse College, Class of 1933; married on June 25, 1938, Henry Briggs Salley, born November 16, 1899, graduated from Clemson College, son of Beauden McLeod Salley, born January 25, 1868, and his wife, Lou Belle Tyler Salley, born July 10, 1875, of Salley, South Carolina. They have one child: (1) Henry Briggs Salley, Jr., born December 23, 1941. Henry Briggs Salley is one of the leading farmers of Orangeburg County, South Carolina, and at present he is Captain, United State Army Reserves, Inactive. He and his family live at Salley, South Carolina, where he is a farmer and merchant. Henry Briggs Salley was first married to Margaret Sawyer, who died a short time after the birth of a son: George Paddock Salley, born January 20, 1929. vi. John Williford, Jr., born August 26, 1915; married December 26, 1936, Mattie Cora Gramling, born December 26, 1912, graduated from Columbia College, Class of 1932, daughter of Ben Martin Gramling, born November 1, 1875, and Cora Turpin Gramling, born

June 26, 1878, of Gramling, South Carolina. They have one child: (1) Martha Cora, born August 28, 1940. John Williford Gaston, Jr., attended Clemson College. He is a promising young farmer, profiting by the experience and good judgment of his father and father-in-law, two of the best farmers in Spartanburg County. He is a deacon in the Reidville Presbyterian Church, and he and his family live near his father's home.

2. ROBERT WHITE GASTON

Robert White Gaston, second son of Amzi Williford Gaston II and his wife, Margaret Holder Gaston, was born August 18, 1873. He received his education at the Reidville Male Academy, pursued special studies at Presbyterian College, Clinton, South Carolina, and graduated from Rome Business College, Rome, Georgia, in 1893. He taught school for four years at Jeb post office, in Spartanburg County, South Carolina. Subsequently, he owned and operated a community store for ten years. He was a trustee of Huntersville School, near Fountain Inn, South Carolina, for two years, and later served twenty-five years in the same capacity for the Reidville School at Reidville, South Carolina. For forty years he has been a teacher in the Reidville Presbyterian Church Sunday school, and was superintendent of this Sunday school for eight years. While living near Fountain Inn, South Carolina, he was an elder in the Fountain Inn Presbyterian Church for two years. At present he is an elder in the Reidville Presbyterian Church, and has been for the past thirty-five years. He served for fifteen years on the Home Mission Board of the Enoree Presbytery, and was Secretary for Home Missions in this presbytery for three years. After his marriage in 1903, he lived in Spartanburg County for three years, subsequently moving to Laurens County, South Carolina, near Fountain Inn, where he lived for two years. From here he moved back to Spartanburg County, where he has lived ever since on his plantation only a short distance from Reidville, South Carolina. He is one of Spartanburg County's most successful farmers and lead-

ing citizens. A strong advocate of college education, he has provided such equipment in large measure for his children.

On December 22, 1903, Robert White Gaston was married to Belie Wofford, born October 8, 1882, daughter of John Thomas Wofford, born 1856, died 1938, and his wife, Nancy Arnold Wofford, born 1862, died 1943, of Woodruff, South Carolina. Belie Wofford Gaston was educated at Reidville School and Reidville Female College. Twelve children resulted from this marriage, as follows: i. Lamar De Witt, born January 6, 1905, was graduated from Clemson College with the B.S. degree in 1927, is a member of the A. I. E. E., a Mason, and is now serving overseas as lieutenant-colonel in the Signal Corps of the United States Army. He married on November 11, 1931, Benita Boozer, born May 10, 1904, died June 16, 1935, daughter of Benjamin S. Boozer and his wife, Lelia Boozer, of Newberry, South Carolina. One child resulted from this marriage: Lamar De Witt, Jr., born May 26, 1935, who makes his home with his father's parents near Reidville. ii. Mildred Lee, born May 25, 1906, was graduated from Queens College, Charlotte, North Carolina, 1928, a teacher from 1928-35, dietitian of United States Army Medical Department, Nautilus Tower and King Cole Hospitals, Miami Beach, Florida. On February 8, 1930, she was married to Walter John Parks, Jr., born August 25, 1908, son of Walter John Parks, born October 17, 1882, and his wife, Leonora Frazier Parks, born January 27, 1882. Walter John Parks, Jr., received his B.S. degree from University of North Carolina, School of Engineering, in 1929, a member of American Waterworks Association, American Society of Civil Engineers, Engineers Club of Western North Carolina, and Lions International, and is at present Sanitary Engineer, War Department, Miami Beach, Florida. They have two children: (1) Walter John Parks, III, born March 31, 1932, and (2) Mildred Lee Parks, born March 19, 1936. iii. Wofford Peden, born November 2, 1907, educated Reidville High School and Draughtons Business College, deacon, Reidville Presbyterian Church. On November 29, 1934, he married

Grace Walden, born September 9, 1913, daughter of Andrew Pinckney Walden, born February 16, 1874, and his wife, Janie Gates Walden, born October 22, 1880. Grace Walden Gaston received her A.B. degree from Winthrop College in 1934, and taught school for seven years. They have one son: Ronald Peden, born May 1, 1943. iv. Kathleen Etolia, born July 22, 1909, graduate of Queens College, Charlotte, North Carolina, with B.S. degree in 1932, teacher in public schools of South Carolina 1934-1940, supervisor of home economics for Federal Works Project Administration from January 1941 to April 1943, present position, food consultant, School Lunch Division, State Department of Education, Columbia, South Carolina. v. Janie Bob, born April 7, 1911, received three and one-half years of college training at Queens College, Charlotte, North Carolina, and on December 1, 1931, she was married to Clarence Steele Bowen, born November 3, 1898, son of Reese Bowen, born April 18, 1851, died April 22, 1921, and his wife, Martha Steele Bowen, born September 16, 1861. Clarence Steele Bowen received his law degree from the University of South Carolina in 1924, and since graduation he has been practicing law in Greenville, South Carolina. Their children are: (1) Clarence Steele Bowen, Jr., born January 3, 1935; and (2) Barbara Jeanne Bowen, born September 7, 1939. vi. Margaret Ethel, born November 29, 1912, received B.S. degree from Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina in 1935, and since then a teacher in the Greenville City Schools. On December 19, 1942, she was married to Oliver James Youmans, Jr., born September 14, 1912, son of Oliver James Youmans, born December 21, 1876, of Fairfax, South Carolina, and his wife, Annie Laurie Lewis Youmans, born October 29, 1879, died March 9, 1923. Oliver James Youmans, Jr., received two years of education at the University of South Carolina, served six months with United States armed forces in World War II, member of American Legion, and present position is shipping and stock clerk at Claussen Bakery, Greenville, South Carolina. vii. Belie Louise, born December 14, 1914, received B.S. degree in 1938 from Winthrop College, Rock Hill, South Carolina,

and on June 4, 1938, she married Edgar Frederick Rankin, of East Orange, New Jersey, born March 14, 1906, son of Charles Edgar Rankin, born 1878, and his wife, Violet Howell Rankin, born January 23, 1879. Edgar Frederick Rankin received his education at St. John's Cathedral, New York, and Los Angeles, California, Polytechnic School. His rank in the United States Navy is M. M. 2/c, and he is working with Koppers Company, Baltimore, Maryland. They have one child: Susan Wofford Rankin, born September 27, 1941. viii. Mary Elizabeth (twin), born April 7, 1917, graduate of Erskine College in 1940 with A.B. degree, and married May 25, 1943, Theodore Edward Thornburg, of Charlotte, North Carolina, born September 3, 1912, son of Robert Samuel Thornburg and his wife, Sarah Elizabeth Williams Thornburg, of Kings Mountain, North Carolina. Theodore Edward Thornburg attended Erskine College three years, was inducted into the United States Army, and is now a corporal in overseas service. ix. Martha Ruth (twin), born April 7, 1917, graduate of Erskine College with A.B. degree in 1940, teacher in city schools of Greenville, South Carolina, member of Pilot's Club, National. x. Robert White, Jr., born April 10, 1919, died November 24, 1923. xi. Nancy Wilma, born June 23, 1921, was graduated from Queens College, Charlotte, North Carolina, with A.B. degree, class of 1942, member of Phi Mu, national social sorority. On August 22, 1942, she was married to Samuel Tilden Register, Jr., of Tallahassee, Florida, born February 22, 1919, son of Dr. Samuel Tilden Register, born March 11, 1876, died June 20, 1923, and his wife, Bertha Elizabeth Gould Register, born November 15, 1882. Samuel Tilden Register, Jr., is a graduate of the University of Florida in 1942 with the B.S. degree, member of Scabbard and Blade, national honorary military society, Alpha Epsilon Delta, national honorary pre-medical fraternity, rank in the United States Army, captain, and at present is commanding officer of 98th Chemical Composite Company at Camp Sibert, Alabama. xii. David Holder, born March 9, 1924, finished two years at Clemson College and was inducted into the United States Marines, July 1943, and is now stationed with rank of private at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, California.

3. AMZI CASON GASTON

Amzi Cason Gaston, third son of Amzi Williford Gaston II and his wife, Margaret Holder Gaston, was born November 4, 1874, and attended the Reidville Male Academy at Reidville, South Carolina. He lived at the old Gaston place until his marriage on November 8, 1899 to Georgia Gaston, born July 19, 1875, died February 12, 1941, daughter of Dr. Rosborough Gaston, died November 1899, and his wife, Lucinda Bridwell Gaston, died August 1932. The greater part of his life has been spent in farming near Reidville, South Carolina. For a number of years he was interested in county affairs, first as a member of the board of supervisors, and later serving one term as a member of the State Legislature in the House of Representatives. He is a public-spirited citizen, keenly interested in community welfare.

Amzi Cason Gaston and his wife, Georgia Gaston, have the following children: i. Dr. Stobo Rosborough, born August 23, 1900, graduated from the Medical College of South Carolina at Charleston, and now owns and operates the Gaston Clinic at Travelers Rest, South Carolina. On December 27, 1924, he married Hannah Engleberg, daughter of Lewis Engleberg, died January 14, 1936, and his wife, Sarah Engleberg, of Charleston, South Carolina. They have one child: Jewel Rose, born October 2, 1932. ii. Amzi Cecil, born February 1, 1901, married January 7, 1922 to Isabel Leonard, born July 3, 1903, daughter of David H. Leonard and his wife, Hattie Dillard Leonard. They live on Gaston Creek across from the old James Nickells Gaston place, near Reidville, South Carolina, and have two children: (1) Margaret Rachel, born September 1, 1923, married January 28, 1944 to James Robert Cox, born September 7, 1922, son of Robert Carey Cox and his wife, Mettie Pearson Cox, of Reidville, South Carolina; (2) Cecil Stoddard, born August 10, 1925. iii. Leona, born April 4, 1904, died July 6, 1906. iv. Lela, born June 21, 1905, died September 4, 1905. v. Margaret Lucile, born December 28, 1906, married September 8, 1928 to John White Hughes, born September 20, 1905, son of John B. Hughes and his wife, Emma

White Hughes, who lived near Reidville, South Carolina. They live at Forest City, North Carolina, and have one child: Margaret Lee Hughes, born April 3, 1930. vi. John William, born November 14, 1912, married November 27, 1929 to Janie Waddell, born February 27, 1911, daughter of James P. Waddell and his wife, Rhoda Pearson Waddell. They live at Tucson, Arizona, and have two children: (1) John William, Jr., born October 16, 1930; (2) Herbert Eugene, born August 25, 1934. vii and viii. Pearl and Berle, twins, born May 2, 1914; Pearl died September 26, 1914, and Berle died May 25, 1917.

4. FITZIE HAMPTON GASTON NESBITT

Fitzie Hampton Gaston Nesbitt, fourth child of Amzi Williford Gaston II and his wife, Margaret Holder Gaston, was born on January 23, 1877. She was educated at Reidville Female College. Since she was the eldest daughter of a large family, she shared with her mother the responsibility of caring for the multitude of duties in connection with the household. She is in every way a strong character— independent, resourceful, and devoted to her family. Her ability as a nurse has been demonstrated not only with her own children, but also in the care of her father-in-law, and her father and mother.

On October 18, 1901, Fitzie Hampton Gaston was married to Joseph Silas Nesbitt, born October 7, 1867, son of Isaac Nesbitt, died April 13, 1908, and his wife, Margaret Benson Nesbitt, died January 1878. Joseph Silas Nesbitt is one of the best farmers and citizens of Spartanburg County, South Carolina. He has been a deacon of Nazareth Presbyterian Church for thirty-five years. Since 1920, he has been a trustee of the property of the old Reidville Female College and Male Academy. Also, he was active as a trustee of Berry's School until it was consolidated with Duncan High School about twenty-three years ago. Since its organization, he has been a member of Local Draft Board Number 73 for Selective Service in Spartanburg County. The Nesbitts live on the Gap Creek Road, four miles south of Duncan, South Carolina.

Joseph Silas Nesbitt and his wife, Fizzie Hampton Gaston Nesbitt, have eight children: i. James Hampton, born January 15, 1903; married December 5, 1925, Annie Mae Smith, born August 31, 1905, daughter of T. Jeff Smith, died April 28, 1928, and his wife, Laura Anne Morgan Smith, died January 4, 1925. They live on Gap Creek Road, about three miles from Duncan, South Carolina. They have one child: Elizabeth Ann ("Betty"), born October 17, 1926. ii. Margaret Myrtle, born July 22, 1904; graduated from Due West Woman's College (Erskine College) in 1926; her present position is home demonstration agent for Chester County, South Carolina. iii. Stuart Gaston, born July 21, 1906, died November 18, 1906. iv. Carl Benson, born September 25, 1907; married April 5, 1936. Nina Wall, born June 12, 1911, daughter of Albert M. Wall and his wife, Sarah Truette Wall, died June 4, 1930. They live in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and have one child: Sara Carolyn, born October 10, 1937. v. Samuel Leland, born August 11, 1909; married October 19, 1936, Edna Taylor, born December 25, 1912, daughter of Walter Taylor and Jessie Satterwhite Taylor. Their home is in Spartanburg, South Carolina. vi. David Berry, born March 25, 1912; lives at the home place and manages his father's farm. vii. Mary Elizabeth ("Bess"), born December 6, 1913; married June 13, 1936, Everett Ozell Posey, Jr., born November 19, 1906, son of Dr. Everett Ozell Posey, born February 5, 1878, died September 28, 1920, and his wife, Annie Barksdale Parks Posey, born December 23, 1887, of Woodruff, South Carolina. Everett Ozell Posey, Jr., holds the rank of major in the infantry, United States Army, and is at the present time located at Fort Benning, Georgia. They have one child: Ann Hampton Posey, born April 15, 1939. viii. Mabel Norton, born July 13, 1915; married, February 20, 1943, Beverly Henry Tucker, Jr., born September 16, 1914, son of Reverend Beverly Henry Tucker, born December 20, 1890, and his wife, Fleda Burch Tucker, born September 10, 1890. Beverly Henry Tucker, Jr., is a major in the United States Army Air Corps and at the present time is stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia.

5. JAMES GORDON GASTON

James Gordon Gaston, fifth child of Amzi Williford Gaston II and his wife, Margaret Holder Gaston, was born March 4, 1878. He was educated at the Reidville Male Academy, and lived with his father at the old Gaston-Peden farm, helping him in its operations until 1904, when he started upon his own farm about a mile from his father's. At an early age he became a member of the Presbyterian Church, subsequently serving as a deacon, and an elder, which position he now holds, in the Woodruff Presbyterian Church. He is also superintendent of the Sunday School of this same church, and has been for the past eighteen years. The land upon which the Green Pond School is built was donated by him, and he served as a trustee of this school for about fifteen years. He is an active supporter of community welfare movements, and a man of sterling character and integrity.

On December 28, 1905, he was married to Stella Aurelia Wofford, born October 30, 1883, daughter of John Thomas Wofford, born 1856, died 1938, and his wife, Nancy Arnold Wofford, born 1862, died 1943, who lived near Woodruff, South Carolina. They have three children: i. John Gordon, born October 10, 1906, graduated from Georgia Tech in 1929, subsequently working with the Greyhound Bus Lines in St. Louis, Memphis, and New Orleans, where he was promoted to traffic manager. He was called to the United States Army in 1942, where he served as assistant clerk in the Medical Corps until 1943, when he was honorably discharged because of physical disability. ii. James Ansel, born January 1, 1909, graduated from Presbyterian College, Clinton, South Carolina, in 1929, subsequently working for the Southeastern Insurance Company in Greenville, South Carolina. In 1934, he did inspection work for the United States Government in South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and California. Later he entered the United States Army, where he is now a lieutenant-colonel in the tank forces. He was second in command of the first tank destroyer group in the North African theater of war. On

January 10, 1938, he was married to Marian Elizabeth Ross, born November 15, 1920, daughter of Dr. James Powell Ross, born March 13, 1898, and his wife, Alva Cooper Ross, born October 4, 1895, died August 11, 1925. They have one son: James Ansel, Jr., born March 1, 1942. iii. Margaret Aurelia, born October 19, 1910, was married April 6, 1935 to Harold Kirk Taylor, born January 6, 1907, son of Fletcher Kirk Taylor, born June 17, 1868, died February 4, 1927, and his wife, Mary Sue Martin Taylor, born November 6, 1873. Their children are: (1) Margaret Kirk Taylor, born January 13, 1936; (2) infant son, died at birth, May 10, 1940; (3) Davis Michael Taylor, born December 16, 1942.

6. THOMAS CRAIG GASTON

Thomas Craig Gaston, sixth child of Amzi Williford Gaston II and his wife, Margaret Holder Gaston, was born September 29, 1879 and died March 26, 1942. He spent most of his life farming at the old Gaston home, five miles north of Woodruff, South Carolina, where he reared his family. Later he moved to Woodruff and served there as head of the police department, subsequently being elected mayor of the town. The last five years of his life were spent at Enoree, South Carolina, where he was chief of police with the Riverdale Mills until the time of his death.

In early life he joined the Reidville Presbyterian Church, later moving his membership to Antioch and Woodruff churches, respectively. He served on the board of deacons in both the Antioch and Woodruff Presbyterian churches. For a number of years he was a member of the Masonic Order, and at one time belonged to the Woodmen of the World. After his death, the family moved back to Woodruff, where they now reside.

On May 3, 1903, Thomas Craig Gaston was married to Minnie Rogers, born September 7, 1884, daughter of M. Dean Rogers, died December 24, 1935, and his wife, Elzie Ann Smith Rogers, died October 11, 1935, who lived near Duncan, South Carolina. They have ten children: i. Mary Anna, born February 7, 1904, married September 3, 1924,

January 10, 1882, he was married to Maria Elizabeth
 (born 1848) daughter of Dr. James
 (born 1808) and his wife (born 1808).
 Their first son, James, was born 1882.
 Their second son, James, was born 1885.
 Their third son, James, was born 1888.
 Their fourth son, James, was born 1891.
 Their fifth son, James, was born 1894.
 Their sixth son, James, was born 1897.
 Their seventh son, James, was born 1900.
 Their eighth son, James, was born 1903.
 Their ninth son, James, was born 1906.
 Their tenth son, James, was born 1909.
 Their eleventh son, James, was born 1912.
 Their twelfth son, James, was born 1915.
 Their thirteenth son, James, was born 1918.
 Their fourteenth son, James, was born 1921.
 Their fifteenth son, James, was born 1924.
 Their sixteenth son, James, was born 1927.
 Their seventeenth son, James, was born 1930.
 Their eighteenth son, James, was born 1933.
 Their nineteenth son, James, was born 1936.
 Their twentieth son, James, was born 1939.
 Their twenty-first son, James, was born 1942.
 Their twenty-second son, James, was born 1945.
 Their twenty-third son, James, was born 1948.
 Their twenty-fourth son, James, was born 1951.
 Their twenty-fifth son, James, was born 1954.
 Their twenty-sixth son, James, was born 1957.
 Their twenty-seventh son, James, was born 1960.
 Their twenty-eighth son, James, was born 1963.
 Their twenty-ninth son, James, was born 1966.
 Their thirtieth son, James, was born 1969.
 Their thirty-first son, James, was born 1972.
 Their thirty-second son, James, was born 1975.
 Their thirty-third son, James, was born 1978.
 Their thirty-fourth son, James, was born 1981.
 Their thirty-fifth son, James, was born 1984.
 Their thirty-sixth son, James, was born 1987.
 Their thirty-seventh son, James, was born 1990.
 Their thirty-eighth son, James, was born 1993.
 Their thirty-ninth son, James, was born 1996.
 Their fortieth son, James, was born 1999.

2. Thomas Williams-Gaston

Thomas Williams-Gaston, was born at St. John's
 (born 1779) and his wife Margaret (born 1779).
 Their first son, James, was born 1799.
 Their second son, James, was born 1802.
 Their third son, James, was born 1805.
 Their fourth son, James, was born 1808.
 Their fifth son, James, was born 1811.
 Their sixth son, James, was born 1814.
 Their seventh son, James, was born 1817.
 Their eighth son, James, was born 1820.
 Their ninth son, James, was born 1823.
 Their tenth son, James, was born 1826.
 Their eleventh son, James, was born 1829.
 Their twelfth son, James, was born 1832.
 Their thirteenth son, James, was born 1835.
 Their fourteenth son, James, was born 1838.
 Their fifteenth son, James, was born 1841.
 Their sixteenth son, James, was born 1844.
 Their seventeenth son, James, was born 1847.
 Their eighteenth son, James, was born 1850.
 Their nineteenth son, James, was born 1853.
 Their twentieth son, James, was born 1856.
 Their twenty-first son, James, was born 1859.
 Their twenty-second son, James, was born 1862.
 Their twenty-third son, James, was born 1865.
 Their twenty-fourth son, James, was born 1868.
 Their twenty-fifth son, James, was born 1871.
 Their twenty-sixth son, James, was born 1874.
 Their twenty-seventh son, James, was born 1877.
 Their twenty-eighth son, James, was born 1880.
 Their twenty-ninth son, James, was born 1883.
 Their thirtieth son, James, was born 1886.
 Their thirty-first son, James, was born 1889.
 Their thirty-second son, James, was born 1892.
 Their thirty-third son, James, was born 1895.
 Their thirty-fourth son, James, was born 1898.
 Their thirty-fifth son, James, was born 1901.
 Their thirty-sixth son, James, was born 1904.
 Their thirty-seventh son, James, was born 1907.
 Their thirty-eighth son, James, was born 1910.
 Their thirty-ninth son, James, was born 1913.
 Their fortieth son, James, was born 1916.
 Their forty-first son, James, was born 1919.
 Their forty-second son, James, was born 1922.
 Their forty-third son, James, was born 1925.
 Their forty-fourth son, James, was born 1928.
 Their forty-fifth son, James, was born 1931.
 Their forty-sixth son, James, was born 1934.
 Their forty-seventh son, James, was born 1937.
 Their forty-eighth son, James, was born 1940.
 Their forty-ninth son, James, was born 1943.
 Their fiftieth son, James, was born 1946.
 Their fifty-first son, James, was born 1949.
 Their fifty-second son, James, was born 1952.
 Their fifty-third son, James, was born 1955.
 Their fifty-fourth son, James, was born 1958.
 Their fifty-fifth son, James, was born 1961.
 Their fifty-sixth son, James, was born 1964.
 Their fifty-seventh son, James, was born 1967.
 Their fifty-eighth son, James, was born 1970.
 Their fifty-ninth son, James, was born 1973.
 Their sixtieth son, James, was born 1976.
 Their sixty-first son, James, was born 1979.
 Their sixty-second son, James, was born 1982.
 Their sixty-third son, James, was born 1985.
 Their sixty-fourth son, James, was born 1988.
 Their sixty-fifth son, James, was born 1991.
 Their sixty-sixth son, James, was born 1994.
 Their sixty-seventh son, James, was born 1997.
 Their sixty-eighth son, James, was born 2000.
 Their sixty-ninth son, James, was born 2003.
 Their seventieth son, James, was born 2006.
 Their seventy-first son, James, was born 2009.
 Their seventy-second son, James, was born 2012.
 Their seventy-third son, James, was born 2015.
 Their seventy-fourth son, James, was born 2018.
 Their seventy-fifth son, James, was born 2021.
 Their seventy-sixth son, James, was born 2024.
 Their seventy-seventh son, James, was born 2027.
 Their seventy-eighth son, James, was born 2030.
 Their seventy-ninth son, James, was born 2033.
 Their eightieth son, James, was born 2036.
 Their eighty-first son, James, was born 2039.
 Their eighty-second son, James, was born 2042.
 Their eighty-third son, James, was born 2045.
 Their eighty-fourth son, James, was born 2048.
 Their eighty-fifth son, James, was born 2051.
 Their eighty-sixth son, James, was born 2054.
 Their eighty-seventh son, James, was born 2057.
 Their eighty-eighth son, James, was born 2060.
 Their eighty-ninth son, James, was born 2063.
 Their ninetieth son, James, was born 2066.
 Their ninety-first son, James, was born 2069.
 Their ninety-second son, James, was born 2072.
 Their ninety-third son, James, was born 2075.
 Their ninety-fourth son, James, was born 2078.
 Their ninety-fifth son, James, was born 2081.
 Their ninety-sixth son, James, was born 2084.
 Their ninety-seventh son, James, was born 2087.
 Their ninety-eighth son, James, was born 2090.
 Their ninety-ninth son, James, was born 2093.
 Their hundredth son, James, was born 2096.

Franklin Todd Anderson, born April 24, 1899, son of John Newton Anderson, born September 19, 1861, died December 26, 1932, and his wife, Ina Gaulden Anderson, born June 3, 1868, died May 13, 1910, of Woodruff, South Carolina. They have the following children: (1) Doris Anderson, born June 30, 1925; (2) John Gaston Anderson, born April 15, 1930; (3) Franklin Todd Anderson, Jr., born November 12, 1932; and (4) Thomas Newton Anderson, born October 14, 1938. They live at Woodruff, South Carolina.

ii. Agnes, born December 17, 1904, graduated from Winthrop College, and taught school for a number of years. On July 12, 1930, was married to Earl Wharton Wallace, born August 14, 1901, son of William Wilkerson Wallace, born November 18, 1879, and his wife, Lizzie May Wharton Wallace, born May 8, 1879. They live on Cedar Spring Road, near Spartanburg, South Carolina, and have one child: Agnes Earle Wallace, born February 2, 1935.

iii. Isola, born September 29, 1906, died March 15, 1923.

iv. Gussie Dean, born April 3, 1908, completed training as a graduate nurse, married September 24, 1934, Doctor Roy DeVaughan Metz, born July 18, 1897, son of Junius Brutus Metz, born February 2, 1869, died December 5, 1933, and his wife, Sarah Elenor DeVaughan Metz, born October 26, 1878. They live at Detroit, Michigan.

v. Thomas Felder, born March 12, 1911, married October 16, 1930, Kate Evelyn Compton, born February 23, 1911, daughter of James Franklin Compton, born June 4, 1873, died May 28, 1932, and his wife, Mary Etta Jones Compton, born August 20, 1872, of Duncan, South Carolina. They have three sons:

(1) Thomas Franklin, born July 12, 1935; (2) Edwin Dean, born April 10, 1937; and (3) Gerald Lee, born May 23, 1943. They live at the Compton place, near Duncan, South Carolina.

vi. Minnie Helen, born June 17, 1913, married September 9, 1939, John Kelly Talkington, born September 7, 1909, son of James Monroe Talkington, born December 29, 1870, died April 15, 1917, and his wife, Mary Elizabeth Pendergrass Talkington, born November 16, 1871. They live at Washington, Georgia.

vii. Woodrow Wilson, born July 19, 1917, married April 8, 1938, Grace

Elizabeth Schultz, born September 19, 1918, daughter of George Schultz, born October 7, 1891, and his wife, Jimmy Mae Garrett Schultz, born August 28, 1892, of Fountain Inn, South Carolina. They live at Woodruff, South Carolina, and have one child: Woodrow Wilson, Jr., born January 5, 1940. viii. Frances Lee, born April 13, 1919, married January 29, 1938 to Asa Joe McClellan, son of John David McClellan and his wife, Sarah Lou McClellan. They have one child: Roy Dean McClellan, born August 24, 1943. They live at Woodruff, South Carolina. ix. Margaret Elizabeth, born October 1, 1921. x. Joseph Norton, born September 17, 1925, now serving with the United States Navy and stationed at the Naval Air Technical Training Center at Norman, Oklahoma.

7. JEB STUART GASTON

Jeb Stuart Gaston, seventh child of Amzi Williford Gaston II and his wife, Margaret Holder Gaston, was born March 18, 1881. He received a common school education, and united with the Reidville Presbyterian Church when a young man. It was always his desire to live in Florida, and he located at De Funiak Springs. After being there a short while, he was appointed Supervisor of Highways, a position which he held for twenty years. He resigned this position to accept another as law enforcement officer. Subsequently, he was transferred to Elgin Field for construction work for the United States Army. After that he was put on naval service work, and transferred to the shipyards at Panama City, Florida.

On June 16, 1915, he was married to Mary G. Douglass, born September 11, 1885, daughter of John Campbell Douglass, born November 11, 1845, died January 25, 1925, and his wife, Jennie Gillis Douglass, born December 13, 1845, died January 27, 1893, of De Funiak Springs, Florida. Jeb Stuart Gaston and his wife, Mary G. Douglass Gaston, have two children: i. Margaret Douglass, born October 25, 1917; graduated from Florida State College for Women at Tallahassee; was employed at the college for a couple of years in secretarial

work; preferred to be a teacher, and is at present engaged in that work in her home town. ii. Jeb Stuart, Jr., born August 31, 1920; completed a high school education; entered the Engineering Corps of the United States Army, at the present time with the rank of corporal, and is located in India. Both children joined the Presbyterian Church when they were young.

8. MARY ELIZABETH GASTON ANDERSON

Mary Elizabeth ("Mayme") Gaston, eighth child of Amzi Williford Gaston II and his wife, Margaret Holder Gaston, was born October 18, 1882. She graduated from Reidville Female College in 1900, and later attended summer schools at Converse College and the University of Tennessee. Following her graduation, she taught in the Spartanburg County schools for six years near her father's home. She is a faithful member of the Antioch Presbyterian Church, near Cashville, South Carolina, where for a number of years she worked enthusiastically and effectively as a teacher in the Sunday school. She was married September 19, 1906 to Newton Pierce Anderson, born January 26, 1877, son of James Milligan Anderson, died December 23, 1921, and his wife, Elizabeth Leonard Anderson, died April 5, 1917, who lived near Reidville, South Carolina. No children were born to this couple, yet all children love them and find a welcome around their fireside. Their open house on Christmas Eve is now traditional to the great-nieces and great-nephews. No troubles and joys of youthful hearts are too trivial to talk over with "Aunt Mayme," and somehow, she always smoothes the tangles away. Truly, she is a genuine copy of Elizabeth Peden Gaston, whose memory is one of the sweetest Peden traditions.

9. PALMER DE WITTE GASTON

Palmer De Witte Gaston, ninth child of Amzi Williford Gaston II and his wife, Margaret Holder Gaston, was born May 16, 1884, and died March 7, 1886. He is buried in Nazareth Church graveyard.

10. BAYARD LAMAR GASTON

Bayard Lamar Gaston, tenth child of Amzi Williford Gaston II and his wife, Margaret Holder Gaston, was born December 15, 1885, and died May 31, 1887. He is buried at Nazareth.

11. NORTON REID GASTON

Norton Reid Gaston, eleventh child of Amzi Williford Gaston II and his wife, Margaret Holder Gaston, was born August 20, 1887. On January 15, 1913, he married Elizabeth Teasley, born February 9, 1888, daughter of John Wiley Teasley, died June 6, 1936, and his wife, Nora McAlister Teasley, died February 18, 1904, of Anderson, South Carolina. Elizabeth Teasley Gaston died June 29, 1913. Norton Reid Gaston was educated at Reidville Male Academy and Presbyterian College at Clinton, South Carolina. He united with the Presbyterian Church at Reidville and later moved his letter to Antioch Presbyterian Church, near Cashville, South Carolina, where he was elected an elder, which office he held until his death. He was a devout Christian and energetically active in the work of the Church. On June 19, 1918, he volunteered his services to the United States Army at Spartanburg, South Carolina, and served as a private in the 46th Spruce Squadron. He was honorably discharged on January 25, 1919 at Camp Gordon, Georgia. He died on August 16, 1925. Both Norton Reid Gaston and his wife are buried at Nazareth. They had no children.

12. DAVID HOLDER GASTON

David Holder Gaston, twelfth child of Amzi Williford Gaston II and his wife, Margaret Holder Gaston, was born March 23, 1889. He was an exceptionally attractive and promising young man; and was studying medicine at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, at the time of his death, June 7, 1910. He is buried at Nazareth.

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